

## **EXHIBIT 271**

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, HOMELAND  
SECURITY AND JUSTICE

**BILL NO. 29-0239**

**Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

**November 23, 2011**

An Act amending chapter 86 of title 14 of the Virgin Islands Code, to expand the laws of the Territory regarding the monitoring and tracking of sex offenders within this jurisdiction with the purpose of affording greater protection for the people of the Virgin Islands from sexual exploitation and violent crime, preventing child abuse and child pornography, promoting internet safety and educating the community about sex offenders, and for other purposes

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senator Ronald E. Russell by Request of the Governor

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- 1       **WHEREAS**, Congress has enacted laws establishing a comprehensive national system
- 2       for the registration of sex offenders and offenders against children; and
- 3       **WHEREAS**, Congress currently provides grants to the States and Territories under the
- 4       Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in order to provide additional
- 5       personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and
- 6       information systems for law enforcement, which grants are administered in the Virgin Islands by
- 7       the Law Enforcement Planning Commission, and
- 8       **WHEREAS**, in order to encourage States and Territories to amend their statutes in
- 9       conformance with the Federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (hereinafter,
- 10      “SORNA”), Congress has determined that federal grant funds provided under the Edward Byrne

9                         (4) All sex offenders required to register in this jurisdiction shall appear in  
10                         person at the Department of Justice at least twenty one (21) calendar days prior to any  
11                         intended travel outside of the United States and provide information about their intended  
12                         travel as may be required by the Attorney General.

13 (7) Subsection 1724 (c) is replaced with the following language:

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2 (14) Information related to a sex offender's school, which includes:

3 (i) the address of each school where the sex offender is or will be a student,

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5 (ii) the name of each school the sex offender is or will be a student as  
6 defined in this Chapter.

7 (15) A valid social security number for the sex offender and all social security  
8 numbers used by the sex offender in the past, valid or otherwise.

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9 (16) Within twenty-one (21) days prior to Travel for 7 days or more, the sex

10 offender shall provide the following information:

11 (i) identifying information of the temporary lodging locations  
12 including addresses and names, and

13 (ii) the dates the sex offender will be staying at each temporary  
14 lodging location.

15 (17) The text of each provision of law defining the criminal offense(s) for  
16 which the sex offender is registered.

17 (18) Information related to all vehicles owned or operated by the sex offender  
18 for work or personal use including land vehicles, aircraft and watercraft, which includes:

19 (i) license plate numbers;

20 (ii) registration numbers or identifiers;

21 (iii) general description of the vehicle to include color, make, model,  
22 and year; and

23 (iv) any permanent or frequent location where any covered vehicle is  
24 kept.

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(19) Within twenty-one (21) days prior to travelling outside of the United States, the sex offender shall provide the following information:

- (i) Destination;
  - (ii) Dates/Places of arrival and departure;
  - (iii) Itinerary details;
  - (iv) Address or Contact Information while in destination country;
  - (v) Purpose of Travel;
  - (vi) Any other information as may be required by the Attorney

General; and

(vii) In addition to any other information sharing requirements of this  
order, any information regarding a sex offender's intended or actual travel  
to or from the United States will be immediately forwarded by the Department of  
Homeland Security to the United States Marshals Service.

(20) Any other information required by the Attorney General.

(3) Subsection 1726(c) is deleted and replaced with the following language:

(c) The Department of Justice shall establish policies and procedures to ensure the  
ing:

(1) That any sex offender confined, incarcerated or sentenced by the courts of this Territory of the United States Virgin Islands for a covered sex offense completes their initial registration with the Department of Justice;

(2) That the sex offender reads, or has read to them, and signs an acknowledgement form stating that the duty to register has been explained to them by the Department of Justice and that the sex offender understands the registration requirement;